

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A portable sign support~~ Support apparatus comprising:
~~comprised of a base for receiving a sign of the type~~ having an elongated post with a geometric cross section and a plurality of spaced-apart through-holes; and ~~[[, the]]~~

a base comprising:

a hollow fillable body having a bottom portion adapted to rest on ~~[[the]]~~ a ground surface and a top ~~surface having~~ portion transitioning into a collar, ~~[[:]]~~

the collar including a bore dimensioned to receive the geometric cross section of the post and at least one aperture configured to align with one of the spaced-apart through-holes of the post when it is received into the collar, ~~[[:]]~~ and

a fastener received by the aperture and through holes to hold the sign in an aligned, upright position.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base has one or more grasping handles ~~disposed near the periphery of the bottom portion.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein the base supports a pair~~ further including a set of wheels ~~on an axle adjacent and within a portion of its periphery~~ associated with the bottom portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base is fillable with a liquid ballast.

8. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 7, wherein the base is fillable through the bore in the collar portion.

9. (Currently Amended) The portable sign support apparatus of claim 7, wherein the base ~~has a~~
~~resealable~~ is fillable through a sealable opening disposed on the bottom portion.

10. (Canceled)